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**Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/665,618; Filed: September 22, 2003  
For: **System for Matching Rise and Fall Times of Drive Signals in a Digital  
to Analog Converter**  
Inventor: Hongwei Wang  
Our Ref: 1875.5060000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17);
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111;
3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$90.00 to cover the excess claims fee; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

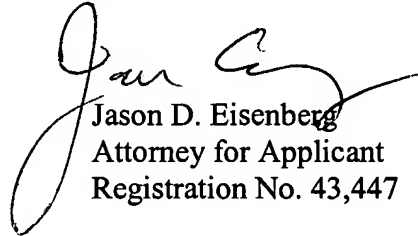
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Respectfully submitted,

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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## **Complete if Known**

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| Application Number   | 10/665,618         |
| Filing Date          | September 22, 2003 |
| First Named Inventor | Hongwei Wang       |
| Examiner Name        | Nguyen, John B.    |
| Art Unit             | 2819               |
| Attorney Docket No.  | 1875.5060000       |

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| 1001 770                   | 2001 385                   | Utility filing fee     |            |
| 1002 340                   | 2002 170                   | Design filing fee      |            |
| 1003 530                   | 2003 265                   | Plant filing fee       |            |
| 1004 770                   | 2004 385                   | Reissue filing fee     |            |
| 1005 160                   | 2005 80                    | Provisional filing fee |            |
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| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
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| 3            | 3            | 0              | 86       |
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|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 1202 18                    | 2202 9                     | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 1201 86                    | 2201 43                    | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 1203 290                   | 2203 145                   | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 1204 86                    | 2204 43                    | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 1205 18                    | 2205 9                     | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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| 1052 50                    | 2052 25                    | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 1053 130                   | 1053 130                   | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812 2,520                 | 1812 2,520                 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |          |
| 1804 920*                  | 1804 920*                  | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805 1,840*                | 1805 1,840*                | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251 110                   | 2251 55                    | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252 420                   | 2252 210                   | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253 950                   | 2253 475                   | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
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| 1255 2,010                 | 2255 1,005                 | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401 330                   | 2401 165                   | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402 330                   | 2402 165                   | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403 290                   | 2403 145                   | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451 1,510                 | 1451 1,510                 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452 110                   | 2452 55                    | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453 1,330                 | 2453 665                   | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 1501 1,330                 | 2501 665                   | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 1502 480                   | 2502 240                   | Design issue fee   |          |
| 1503 640                   | 2503 320                   | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1460 130                   | 1460 130                   | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 1807 50                    | 1807 50                    | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |          |
| 1806 180                   | 1806 180                   | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 8021 40                    | 8021 40                    | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 1809 770                   | 2809 385                   | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))                |          |
| 1810 770                   | 2810 385                   | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))             |          |
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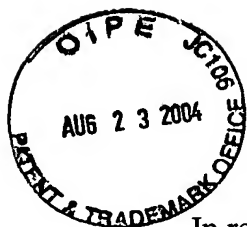
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**Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **June 17, 2004**, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.